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It is acknowledged that the reply brief of the application serial number 09/210,775 filed 3/26/04 has been entered and considered. It is strongly believed that the combination of Odaka and Lee suggests the limitations of the present application as claimed, and that all of the critical points have already been addressed in the examiner's answer. Therefore, the application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

  
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